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COMMUNICATION POLICIES IN ASIA AND OCEANIA,  
KUALA LUMPUR, JUNE 19 - 28

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1. UNDER UNESCO RULES GOVERNING INVITATION NGO'S TO  
UNESCO INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS (CAT II), SUCH AS  
THAT BEING HELD IN KUALA LUMPUR, ONLY NGO'S WITH FORMAL  
STATUS WITH UNESCO (CATEGORIES A, B, OR C), AND  
REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENTS MAY BE INVITED TO  
PARTICIPATE OR ATTEND AS OBSERVERS. AS FAR AS PERMDEL  
IS AWARE, WORLD PRESS FREEDOM COMMITTEE (WPFC) HAS NOT  
APPLIED FOR FORMAL RECOGNITION BY UNESCO UNDER CATE-  
GORIES A, B, OR C, AND THEREFORE CANNOT BE EXTENDED  
INVITATION TO ATTEND AS AN OBSERVER. ONLY OTHER  
POSSIBILITY, THEREFORE, WOULD BE AS A REPRESENTATIVE  
OF A GOVERNMENT.

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2. IT IS TRUE THAT WPFC WAS INVITED BY UNESCO TO  
ATTEND COLOMBO MEETING (DEC. 1977) AS AN OBSERVER.  
THIS WAS POSSIBLE BECAUSE COLOMBO MEETING WAS A  
CATEGORY VI MEETING OF "EXPERTS" TO WHICH INDIVIDUALS  
AND GROUPS NOT ENJOYING A FORMAL RELATIONSHIP TO  
UNESCO MIGHT BE INVITED.

3. SHOULD THE WPFC WISH TO APPLY FOR FORMAL NGO STATUS WITH UNESCO, ITS APPLICATION WOULD BE SUBJECT TO "DIRECTIVES CONCERNING UNESCO'S RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS." ACCORDING TO THESE DIRECTIVES, ANY NGO FULFILLING CERTAIN CONDITIONS (DESCRIBED IN "DIRECTIVES," PART I) MAY BE ADMITTED TO CATEGORY C STATUS BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, "SHOULD HE DEEM ITS ADMISSION USEFUL FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF UNESCO'S OBJECTIVES" (PART II.2). AS AN EXCEPTION, THE EXBD MAY, IF IT "CONSIDERS IT TO BE CONDUCIVE TO UNESCO'S AIMS AND THE EXECUTION OF ITS PROGRAM," ADMIT AN NGO DIRECTLY TO CATEGORY A OR B.

4. PERMDEL DOES NOT PROPOSE TO DISCUSS WITH SECRETARIAT POSSIBILITY FORMAL WPFC AFFILIATION WITH UNESCO UNLESS ASKED. WE ARE OBLIGED TO POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT WPFC IS VERY POORLY VIEWED IN UNESCO, BOTH BY THE SECRETARIAT AND AMONG SOME REPRESENTATIVE WESTERN STATES, AS WELL, WHICH ENJOY PRESS FREEDOM. WE DO NOT KNOW HOW SYMPATHETIC M'BOW WOULD BE FOR SUPPORTING WPFC'S APPLICATION FOR FORMAL NGO STATUS WITH UNESCO. M'BOW IS WELL AWARE THAT GEORGE BEEBE IN HIS MARCH 7 SPEECH IN CANBERRA AT IPI GENERAL ASSEMBLY SAID THAT "OUR DETERMINED ENEMY IS THE PRESENT LEADERSHIP AND CERTAIN ELEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS AGENCY, UNESCO. . . .NOW AN EQUALLY CONFIDENTIAL

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DETERMINED AGENCY IS OPPOSING THE UNESCO ELEMENTS. IT IS THE WORLD PRESS FREEDOM COMMITTEE. . ." HEATER

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